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OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: March 1, 2017
FILE:

FROM: KELLEY S. FRASER, COMMANDER
SOUTH PATROL DIVISION

TO: PATRICK A. NELSON, CAPTAIN
LANCASTER STATION

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS

Case Number:	FO2397537
Incident:	Use of Force
Incident Date:	March 8, 2016
Unit:	Lancaster Station
Suspect(s):	Brizendine, Michael MW/042688
Involved Employees:	Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] Deputy Mendez, Paul [redacted] Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] Sergeant [redacted]
EFRC Date:	February 23, 2017

The Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) consisting of Commanders Kelley S. Fraser, David E. Halm, and Joanne Sharp met and reviewed the above case.

FINDINGS:

The EFRC determined the use of force and tactics were both within Department policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The EFRC made no recommendations.

KSF:TLB:tlb

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Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 016-04037-1122-057	Date: March 8, 2016	Time: 1652	
Location: [redacted] West Avenue H-13	City or Station: Lancaster		
Bureau/Station/Facility: Lancaster Station	Admin. Investigation: ○ YES ◉ NO		
Type of Force: Take down, Personal Weapons, Taser, Control Holds, Resisted Handcuffing			
Incident Category: ○1 ○2 ◉3	Deputy Injury: ○ YES ◉ NO	Suspect Injury ◉ YES ○ NO	
☐ Call ☒ Observation ☐ Detail	☒ Foot Pursuit	☒ Vehicle Pursuit	
IAB Notified: ◉ YES ○ NO	Person Notified: Lt. Roberta Granek	Emp: [redacted]	IAB Roll Out ◉ YES ○ NO

Involved Employee

E1

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Mendez	Paul	G.	DSG

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
◉ M ○ F	H	5-11	200	[redacted]	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Lancaster LAN-CAP Team
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Unit 811G5
Individual Force Used: Take Down, Personal Weapons — ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist
Individual Category: ○1 ○2 ◉3
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ______
Coroner Case #

E2

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	DSG

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
◉ M ○ F	W	6-01	205	[redacted]	○ EM ◉ Day ○ PM	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Lancaster Burglary Team
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Unit 811B6
Individual Force Used: Personal Weapons, Control Holds — ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist
Individual Category: ○1 ◉2 ○3
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ______
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E3

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	DSG

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
◉ M ○ F	H	5-05	180	[redacted]	○ EM ◉ Day ○ PM	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Lancaster Burglary Team
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Unit 811B6
Individual Force Used: Personal Weapons, Control Holds — ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist
Individual Category: ○1 ◉2 ○3
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ______
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On Duty Supervisor

☐ Additional Involved Employees

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Bergo	Christopher	K.	SGT.	YES ○ NO ◉	YES ○ NO ◉

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	YES ○ NO ◉	YES ○ NO ◉

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Granek	Roberta		LT.

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature:** ______ Date ______ Copy Provided to Employee by: ______ Emp #: ______

Unit Commander **(Print Name)** ______ Unit Commander's **Signature**: ______ Emp #: ______ Date ______

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☒ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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Involved Employee

E4

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	DSG

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	Status
(●) M ( ) F	W	5-10	170	[redacted]	( ) EM ( ) Day (●) PM	(●) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
Lancaster LAN-CAP Team	Unit 811G2

Individual Force Used		Individual Category
Taser	( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist	( ) 1 (●) 2 ( ) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ______ Coroner Case #

E5

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	SGT

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	Status
(●) M ( ) F	W	6-03	225	[redacted]	( ) EM (●) Day ( ) PM	(●) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
Lancaster Detective Bureau	

Individual Force Used		Individual Category
Control Holds	( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist	(●) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ______ Coroner Case #

E6

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	B-1

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	Status
(●) M ( ) F	W	6-08	350	[redacted]	( ) EM (●) Day ( ) PM	(●) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
Operation Safe Streets Detective	Unit 110G1

Individual Force Used		Individual Category
Control Holds	( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist	(●) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ______ Coroner Case #

E7

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	DSG

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	Status
(●) M ( ) F	W	6-03	240	[redacted]	( ) EM ( ) Day (●) PM	(●) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
Lancaster LAN-CAP Team	Unit 112N

Individual Force Used		Individual Category
Resisted Handcuffing	( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist	(●) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ______ Coroner Case #

E8

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	DSG

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	Status
(●) M ( ) F	W	510	200	[redacted]	( ) EM ( ) Day (●) PM	(●) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
Lancaster Patrol	Unit 111D

Individual Force Used		Individual Category
Control Holds	( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist	(●) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ______ Coroner Case #

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select
Brizendine	Michael	James	Not Armed

AKA Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Sex	Race	Age	Height	Weight	D.O.B.	Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ◉ C	Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C
◉ Male ○ Female	w	28	6-00	220	04/26/88	[redacted]	N/A

Street Address: [redacted] City: [redacted] State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 4601311 Primary Charge Code: 245(C)PC Secondary Charge Code: 2800.2 CVC [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ◉ YES ○ NO Name: Captain Adamo Unit: Engine #130 Phone #: (661)949-6319

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: A.V. Hospital Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Dr. Khodabakhsh Address: 1600 West Avenue J, Lancaster Phone #: (661)949-5000

Under Influence: ◉ YES ○ NO Substance: Combination 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ◉ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: 03/08/16 Time: 1905 ☒ Audiotape: ☒ Videotape: ☒ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S 2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Not Armed

AKA Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Sex	Race	Age	Height	D.O.B.	Weight	Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C	Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C
○ Male ◉ Female	W	31	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Street Address: [redacted] City: [redacted] State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: [redacted] Primary Charge Code: 32 PC Secondary Charge Code: [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ◉ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ◉ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S_

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select

AKA Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Sex	Race	Age	Height	D.O.B.	Weight	Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C	Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C
○ Male ○ Female							

Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

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Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method	Type of Injury	Body Part
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#	(Code)	(Code)	(Code)
Brizendine	S#1	Mendez	E#1	PO	NN	
Mendez	E#1	Brizendine	S#1	TD	NN	
Brizendine	S#1	Mendez	E#1	RS	NN	
Mendez	E#1	Brizendine	S#1	PH	FR	FA
Brizendine	S#1	[redacted]	E#2	RS	NN	
[redacted]	E#2	Brizendine	S#1	PH	NN	FA
Brizendine	S#1	[redacted]	E#3	RS	NN	
[redacted]	E#3	Brizendine	S#1	PO	NN	SH
Brizendine	S#1	[redacted]	E#5	RS	NN	
[redacted]	E#5	Brizendine	S#1	CT	NN	AR
Brizendine	S#1	[redacted]	E#6	RS	NN	
[redacted]	E#6	Brizendine	S#1	CT	NN	LE
Brizendine	S#1	[redacted]	E#4	RS	NN	
[redacted]	E#4	Brizendine	S#1	TR	PW	AR
Brizendine	S#1	[redacted]	E#7	RS	NN	
[redacted]	E#7	Brizendine	S#1	RH	NN	HD
Brizendine	S#1	[redacted]	E#8	RS	NN	
[redacted]	E#8	Brizendine	S#1	CT	NN	LE

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

IAB FILE NUMBER: FO 2397537

INCIDENT: Use of Force, Head strike with Personal Weapons, Takedown, Taser, Control Holds, Resisted Handcuffing

URN#: 016-04037-1122-057

DATE/ TIME: March 8, 2016, Tuesday, 1652 Hours

LOCATION: [redacted] Spring Valley Road, Lancaster

On Wednesday, March 8, 2016, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant Roberta Granek, Sergeant [redacted], and Sergeant [redacted] responded to Lancaster Station, regarding a Category 3 Use of Force. Suspect Michael Brizendine sustained an orbital wall fracture on the left side of his face. He was subsequently transported to Antelope Valley Hospital where he was treated for his injuries. Deputies were not injured during the incident.

SYNOPSIS:

On Wednesday, March 8, 2016, Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] were working a two person, marked sheriff's patrol vehicle, Unit 811B6, when they observed a gray 4-door Ford 500 driving recklessly, traveling southbound on Sierra Highway, in the city of Lancaster **[Page 6, of Deputy [redacted]'s transcribed interview]**. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] believed the driver of the vehicle was impaired and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. Deputy [redacted] activated their patrol vehicle's overhead lights and sounded their air horn several times. The suspect vehicle stopped on the north curb line of Lancaster Boulevard, slightly east of Beech Avenue. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] exited their patrol vehicle and walked toward the suspect vehicle. Before Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] were able to contact the occupants of the vehicle, the driver, Suspect Brizendine, accelerated and sped away from the deputies.

Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] re-entered their marked patrol vehicle, activated their overhead lights and siren and initiated a pursuit of Suspect Brizendine's vehicle. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] pursued the vehicle due to the fact Suspect Brizendine had been driving in a flagrantly reckless manner and they believed Suspect Brizendine was driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Upon initiating the pursuit, Deputy [redacted] immediately requested the "duplex patch" and notified the Sheriff's Communication Center and other sheriff's units they were in pursuit of a reckless

driving, under the influence (D.U.I.), vehicle. During the broadcast, Deputy [redacted] gave physical descriptions of both the driver and front passenger of the vehicle. The pursuit lasted approximately one minute and nineteen seconds and traveled approximately one third of a mile, with speeds reaching thirty five miles per hour. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] terminated their pursuit when they lost sight of Suspect Brizendine's vehicle. Deputy [redacted] authored a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Incident Report detailing Suspect Brizendine's actions, vehicle code violations, and pursuit path, which is attached to this Investigative Summary, as **[EXHIBIT A]**.

> **IAB Note:** The audio of the pursuit radio traffic is attached to this Investigative Summary, as **[EXHIBIT B]**. Please refer to the folder titled "10-33 Pursuit #1."

> **IAB Note:** A Pursuit Evaluation form was provided to this investigator, by Sergeant Steve Owen. For further information regarding the details of the first pursuit, please see the Pursuit Evaluation, which is attached to this Investigative Summary, as **[EXHIBIT C].**

Several deputy personnel responded to the area of Milling Street and Sierra Highway, to check the area for Suspect Brizendine's vehicle. During this time, radio traffic was broadcast over L-Tac informing assisting personnel the suspect vehicle had been located, but was abandoned. While checking the area, Sergeant Christopher Bergo saw the driver (Suspect Brizendine) and the passenger (Suspect [redacted] walking near Beech Avenue, at Newgrove Street. Sergeant Bergo notified assisting units over L-TAC.

Sergeant Bergo exited his marked sheriff's patrol vehicle and ordered both suspects to approach his vehicle. Both Suspect Brizendine and Suspect [redacted] refused to approach Sergeant Bergo's patrol vehicle. Sergeant Bergo approached both suspects on foot. When Sergeant Bergo approached the suspects, Suspect Brizendine immediately turned and ran away. Sergeant Bergo detained and handcuffed Suspect [redacted] without incident. Sergeant Bergo requested emergency clearance over his handheld radio and broadcast to assisting units Suspect Brizendine was running from him. Sergeant Bergo maintained a visual on Suspect Brizendine from Beech Avenue and Newgrove Street, where he had detained Suspect [redacted] and informed responding units as to Suspect Brizendine's location.

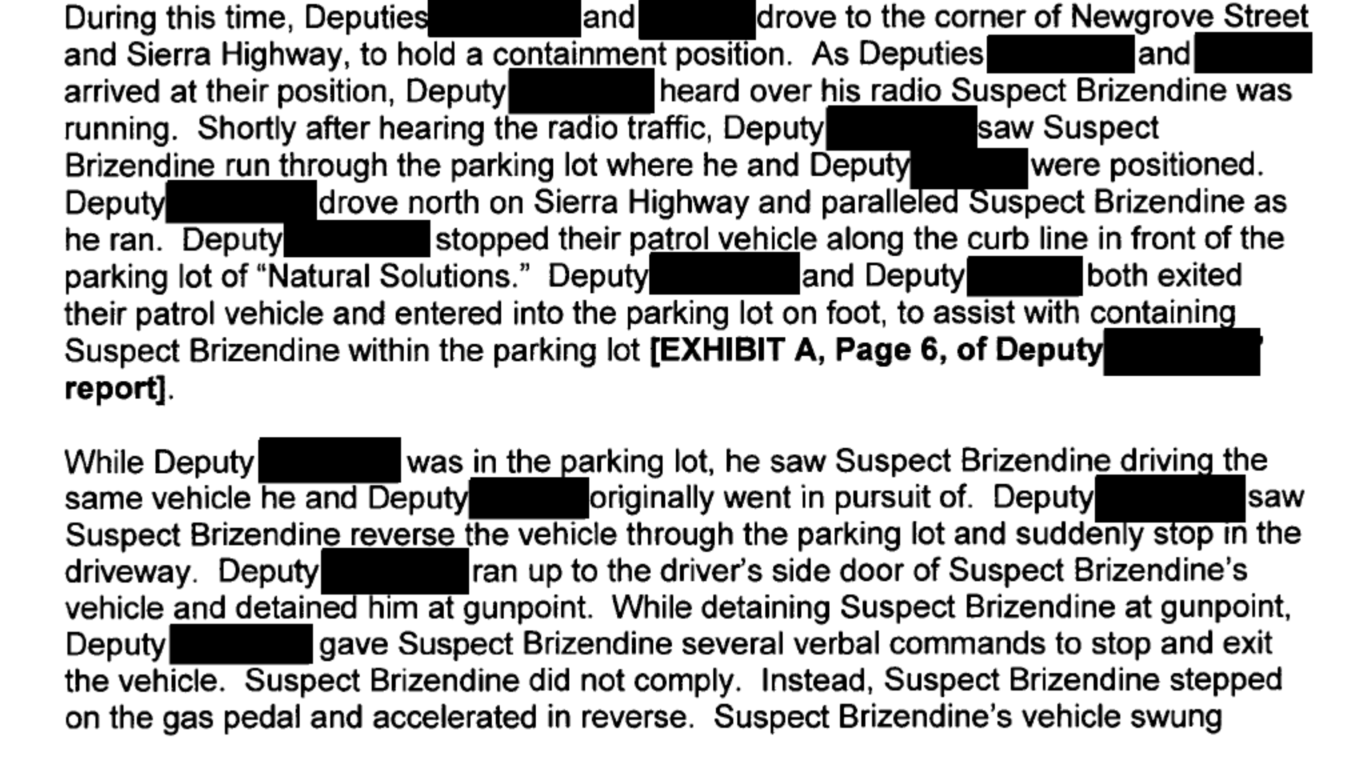
While Sergeant Bergo maintained a visual on Suspect Brizendine's movements and custody of Suspect [redacted] Deputy Derek Bumgardner #[redacted] responded and assumed the custody of Suspect [redacted] Sergeant Bergo walked toward a used car lot, where he had last seen Suspect Brizendine scale the fence. As Sergeant Bergo approached the car lot, he was flagged down by several employees who told him Suspect Brizendine was hiding inside the car lot, between vehicles. As Sergeant Bergo arrived at the northwest corner of the car lot, he saw Suspect Brizendine run

northbound, toward Hunter Dodge's vehicle storage yard.

Sergeant Bergo ordered Suspect Brizendine to stop, however, Suspect Brizendine continued to run into the vehicle storage yard. Based on the fact Suspect Brizendine was involved in a vehicle pursuit in which deputies observed him driving in a flagrantly reckless manner, coupled with the deputies belief Suspect Brizendine was driving while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs, Sergeant Bergo initiated a foot pursuit in order to track Suspect Brizendine on foot and possibly prevent Suspect Brizendine from re-entering the vehicle he abandoned **[EXHIBIT A, Page 2, of Sergeant Bergo's Supplemental Report]**. Sergeant Bergo broadcast his foot pursuit, over his handheld radio.

> **IAB Note:** A Foot Pursuit Evaluation form was provided to this investigator by Sergeant Steve Owen **[EXHIBIT D].**

Suspect Brizendine ran to the same vehicle he had originally abandoned and entered the vehicle using the front driver's side door. Immediately after entering the vehicle, Suspect Brizendine locked all the doors. Sergeant Bergo attempted to detain Suspect Brizendine from the passenger side of the vehicle at gunpoint, however, Suspect Brizendine drove in reverse, toward the Sierra Highway entrance gate of the parking lot **[EXHIBIT A, Page 2, of Sergeant Bergo's Supplemental Report]**. Sergeant Bergo's foot pursuit lasted approximately 10 seconds and covered approximately 168 feet. For further information regarding Sergeant Bergo's foot pursuit and involvement in this portion of the incident, please see his Supplemental Report, which is attached to this Investigative Summary, as **[EXHIBIT A]**.



During this time, Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] drove to the corner of Newgrove Street and Sierra Highway, to hold a containment position. As Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] arrived at their position, Deputy [redacted] heard over his radio Suspect Brizendine was running. Shortly after hearing the radio traffic, Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Brizendine run through the parking lot where he and Deputy [redacted] were positioned. Deputy [redacted] drove north on Sierra Highway and paralleled Suspect Brizendine as he ran. Deputy [redacted] stopped their patrol vehicle along the curb line in front of the parking lot of "Natural Solutions." Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] both exited their patrol vehicle and entered into the parking lot on foot, to assist with containing Suspect Brizendine within the parking lot **[EXHIBIT A, Page 6, of Deputy [redacted]' report]**.

While Deputy [redacted] was in the parking lot, he saw Suspect Brizendine driving the same vehicle he and Deputy [redacted] originally went in pursuit of. Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Brizendine reverse the vehicle through the parking lot and suddenly stop in the driveway. Deputy [redacted] ran up to the driver's side door of Suspect Brizendine's vehicle and detained him at gunpoint. While detaining Suspect Brizendine at gunpoint, Deputy [redacted] gave Suspect Brizendine several verbal commands to stop and exit the vehicle. Suspect Brizendine did not comply. Instead, Suspect Brizendine stepped on the gas pedal and accelerated in reverse. Suspect Brizendine's vehicle swung

toward Deputy [redacted] just missing both his legs and feet. Deputy [redacted] had to quickly jump out of the path of Suspect Brizendine's vehicle to avoid being run over **[EXHIBIT A, Page 7, of Deputy [redacted] report/ Page 11 of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

While at his containment position, Deputy [redacted] also saw Suspect Brizendine run north, into the parking lot. Once inside the parking lot, Deputy [redacted]s attention was immediately drawn to the vehicle he and Deputy [redacted] had pursued. Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect's vehicle start to back up and then stop. Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy [redacted] at the driver's side of the suspect's vehicle, detaining the driver inside the vehicle at gunpoint. Deputy [redacted] remembered Deputy [redacted] yelling verbal commands at the driver. Deputy [redacted] was not sure who was driving the suspect's vehicle at this time **[EXHIBIT A, Page 2, of Deputy [redacted]'s Supplemental Report/ Page 10 of Deputy [redacted]'s transcribed interview]**.

While this was taking place, Deputy [redacted] realized he was standing on the opposite side of the suspect's vehicle from Deputy [redacted] In order to better assist Deputy [redacted], as well as prevent a potential crossfire situation, Deputy [redacted] ran behind the suspect's vehicle to where Deputy [redacted] was standing. Just as Deputy [redacted] cleared the rear of the suspect's vehicle, it began to quickly reverse. As the suspect's vehicle reversed, the front of it swung toward him and Deputy [redacted] nearly hitting both of them. Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] were standing approximately three to five feet from the suspect's vehicle and had to quickly move out of the way to avoid being struck. As the suspect's vehicle accelerated in reverse, Deputy [redacted] saw another unknown deputy run out of its path to avoid being struck **[EXHIBIT A, Page 2, of Deputy [redacted]'s Supplemental Report/ Page 11 of Deputy [redacted]s transcribed interview]**. For further information regarding Deputy [redacted]s involvement in this portion of the incident, please see Deputy [redacted]s Supplemental Report, which is attached to this Investigative Summary, as **[EXHIBIT A]**.

Sergeant Bergo, who was standing approximately twenty feet from the suspect's vehicle during this time, saw Suspect Brizendine look out his (Suspect Brizendine's) rear window and drive directly toward deputies **[EXHIBIT A, Page 2, of Sergeant Bergo's Supplemental Report]**.

Detective David Keesee and Detective Timothy Schank responded together to the area Suspect Brizendine was seen, in the parking lot. As Detective Keesee and Detective Schank arrived at the parking lot in their unmarked vehicle, Detective Keesee saw Deputy [redacted] approaching the suspect's vehicle. Detective Keesee exited his vehicle and ran to assist Deputy [redacted]. While responding, Detective Keesee had to run around a large Sports Utility Vehicle which was blocking the driveway of the parking lot, as well as his view of Deputy [redacted] and the suspect's vehicle. When Detective Keesee cleared the large Sports Utility Vehicle, he saw the suspect's vehicle driving in reverse, directly toward him, at a high rate of speed **[Page 4 of Detective Keesee's transcribed interview]**. Detective Keesee saw Suspect Brizendine looking over his shoulder at him (Keesee), as he was barely able to get out of the path of the suspect's

vehicle. Detective Keesee felt the wind from the suspect's vehicle, as well as the ground shake, as it passed by him **[Page 5 of Detective Keesee's transcribed interview]**. For further information regarding Detective Keesee's involvement in this portion of the incident, please see his Supplemental Report, which is attached to this Investigative Summary, as **[EXHIBIT A]**.

Upon Detective Schank's and Detective Keesee's arrival to the parking lot, Detective Schank saw Deputy [redacted] detaining someone inside the suspect's vehicle at gunpoint. Detective Schank exited his vehicle and went to assist Deputy [redacted] While responding, Detective Schank also had to go around what he described as a white truck **[Page 4 of Detective Schank's transcribed interview]**. As Detective Schank rounded the corner of the truck, he heard Sergeant [redacted] yell something to the effect of, "Watch Out!" When Detective Schank looked to see what Sergeant [redacted] was talking about, he saw the suspect's vehicle driving in reverse toward him, near the driveway of the parking lot. While the suspect's vehicle was reversing toward him, it appeared Suspect Brizendine was looking directly at him (Schank) **[Page 4 of Detective Schank's transcribed interview]**. Detective Schank quickly stopped his path of travel and moved backward, out of the path of the suspect's vehicle. Detective Schank estimated the speed of the suspect's vehicle to be 10-12 miles per hour, but remembered it continued to accelerate as it reversed through the parking lot **[Page 5 of Detective Schank's transcribed interview]**. For further information regarding Detective Schank's involvement in this incident, please see his Supplemental Report, which is attached to this Investigative Summary, as **[EXHIBIT A]**.

Operations Safe Streets Detective [redacted] also responded to the area Suspect Brizendine was last seen. Detective [redacted] was with Deputy [redacted] when Suspect Brizendine emerged from between two parked vehicles he had been using to hide. Detective [redacted] saw Suspect Brizendine run back to the suspect's vehicle, get inside, and lock the doors **[Page 5 of Detective [redacted]'s transcribed interview]**. Suspect Brizendine started the vehicle and began to reverse in a reckless manner. Suspect Brizendine came dangerously close to hitting Deputy [redacted] **[EXHIBIT A, Page 1 of Detective [redacted]'s Supplemental Report]**. As Suspect Brizendine continued to reverse in a reckless manner, Detective [redacted] remembered Suspect Brizendine almost hit one or two other unknown deputies. At one point, Detective [redacted] remembered Sergeant [redacted] scream at a deputy to move and at the same time, the suspect vehicle struck a curb toward the entrance/ exit of the parking lot. Detective [redacted] believed Suspect Brizendine hit the deputy. Detective [redacted] took aim at the suspect vehicle, ready to fire his weapon at Suspect Brizendine, in order to end his (Brizendine's) threat to deputies and civilians. Due to Detective [redacted]'s backdrop being a Metrolink Station with several people moving about, he did not fire his firearm. **[EXHIBIT A, Page 1 of Detective [redacted]'s Supplemental Report]**. Shortly thereafter, Detective [redacted] saw no deputy was injured and returned to his vehicle. For information regarding Detective [redacted]'s involvement in this incident, please see his Supplemental Report, which is attached to this Investigative Summary, as **[EXHIBIT A]**.

After nearly striking at least three deputies with his vehicle, Suspect Brizendine hit a curb causing a flat to his front right passenger side tire. Suspect Brizendine backed his vehicle out of the parking lot, across two southbound lanes (oncoming traffic) of Sierra Highway, and into the northbound lanes of Sierra Highway where he began traveling northbound at a high rate of speed. While this was taking place, Sergeant [redacted] who had also responded to the incident and had taken a position of containment, broadcast over his handheld radio the fact Suspect Brizendine had just assaulted a deputy **[EXHIBIT A, Page 2 of Sergeant [redacted]s Supplemental Report]**.

At the same time Suspect Brizendine was backing out of the parking lot and onto Sierra Highway, Deputies Javier Munoz #[redacted] and Nathan Grimes #[redacted] were traveling northbound on Sierra Highway, approaching Milling Street, in their marked sheriff's patrol vehicle. Seeing Suspect Brizendine's vehicle and given the fact Suspect Brizendine was now wanted for felony Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer, Deputy Munoz activated their vehicle's overhead lights and siren and initiated a pursuit of Suspect Brizendine's vehicle. Deputy Grimes, who was the front passenger in the patrol vehicle, relayed the vehicle pursuit information over their sheriff's radio. For further information regarding Suspect Brizendine's flagrant reckless driving, vehicle code violations, and pursuit path, see Deputy Munoz's Supplemental Report, which is attached to this Investigative Summary, as **[EXHIBIT A]**.

IAB Note: The audio of the pursuit radio traffic is attached to this Investigative Summary, as **[Exhibit B]**. Please refer to the audio folder titled "10-33 Pursuit #2."

After the pursuit crossed over the 14 Freeway and travelled westbound on Avenue F, Sergeant Steve Owen became the fifth unit in the pursuit. Shortly after he joined the pursuit, Deputy Parker Driscoll, who was the fourth unit in the pursuit, had to drop out of the pursuit due to a flat tire. Sergeant Owen then became the fourth unit in the pursuit. Due to the remoteness of the area, coupled with the suspect's increased desperation to escape and the fact Suspect Brizendine was wanted for Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer, along with a belief a foot pursuit was imminent, Sergeant Owen requested two more units to join the pursuit. Prior to this, Watch Commander Sergeant Paul Bartlett had authorized four units and a sergeant to be involved in the pursuit. During the pursuit, when Suspect Brizendine drove through the dirt fields, Sergeant Owen fell behind the pursuit approximately one half mile, due to the immense amount of dust kicked up by the vehicles in front of him. **[EXHIBIT A, Page 2 of Sergeant Owen's Supplemental Report]**. Sergeant Owen still responded to the termination of the pursuit.

The other units involved in the pursuit also fell behind Suspect Brizendine, due to the immense amount of dust kicked up by Suspect Brizendine's vehicle. Detective [redacted], who was now partnered up with Deputy Paul Mendez, was positioned at 80th Street West and Avenue D, when Detective [redacted] saw Suspect Brizendine turn toward them from approximately 90th Street West **[Page 6 of Detective [redacted]s transcribed interview]**. After Suspect Brizendine turned northbound onto Avenue D in front of

them, Detective [redacted] realized there were no deputies within approximately one mile of the suspect, so Detective [redacted] activated the lights and siren on their unmarked vehicle and became the first unit in the pursuit **[Page 6 of Detective [redacted]s transcribed interview]**. Detective [redacted] who was now partnered up with Deputy Adam Nelson #[redacted] activated the lights and siren on their unmarked vehicle and became the second unit in the pursuit **[Page 5 of Detective [redacted]s transcribed interview]**. The second vehicle pursuit ended shortly thereafter, when Suspect Brizendine abandoned his vehicle in front of the residence located at [redacted] and began running toward the residence **[Page 6 of Detective [redacted]s transcribed interview]**.

The second vehicle pursuit lasted approximately 17 minutes and travelled approximately 16.15 miles, reaching speeds of approximately 85 miles per hour on rural highways. Approximately 6 minutes into the pursuit, LASD Aero Unit 29 was overhead and broadcasted the pursuit. Watch Commander Sergeant Paul Bartlett managed the pursuit from the desk, while Sergeant Jeremy Carr established Cold-line communications with the Sheriff's Communications Center. Sergeant [redacted] Sergeant Owen, and Sergeant Daniel Wolanski all responded to the termination of the pursuit.

IAB Note: The Cold-line is an alternative voice line, which serves as a direct voice channel between each station and the sheriff's dispatcher assigned to that station. When the Cold-line rings at the Sheriff's Communication Center, it is answered by an assigned sergeant. The communication voiced from the station is then directly broadcast via radio frequency, to the units in the field. The audio of the Cold-line traffic is attached to this Investigative Summary, as **[EXHIBIT B]**.

IAB Note: A Pursuit Evaluation form for the second vehicle pursuit was provided to this investigator, by Sergeant Steve Owen. For further information regarding the details of the pursuit, please see the Pursuit Evaluation, which is attached to this Investigative Summary, as **[EXHIBIT E]**.

When Detective [redacted] saw Suspect Brizendine running toward the residence, he believed Suspect Brizendine intended to enter the residence. Detective [redacted] told Deputy Mendez, he [redacted] believed if Suspect Brizendine entered into the residence, Suspect Brizendine could potentially harm the occupants or take hostages in an attempt to deter/ evade them. Deputy Mendez agreed with Detective [redacted] **[Page 6 of Detective [redacted]s transcribed interview/ Page 7 of Deputy Mendez's transcribed interview]**. Detective [redacted] drove past Suspect Brizendine and blocked the driveway access of the residence **[Page 6 of Detective [redacted]s transcribed interview]**. The driveway was the only open place for Suspect Brizendine to enter through, as the front of the residence was enclosed by a solid wooden fence.

At this time, Suspect Brizendine stopped right outside the passenger side of the vehicle Detective [redacted] and Deputy Mendez were in, changed directions, and ran around the rear of their vehicle and then northbound into the open desert area. When Suspect Brizendine was outside the passenger side of their vehicle, Deputy Mendez believed Suspect Brizendine was close enough to him that he (Mendez) could just get out of his vehicle and detain him. Deputy Mendez exited their vehicle. Suspect Brizendine was faster than Deputy Mendez had anticipated, so he (Mendez) initiated a foot pursuit of Suspect Brizendine **[Page 8 of Deputy Mendez's transcribed interview]**. As soon as Deputy Mendez began chasing Suspect Brizendine on foot, Aero Unit 29 broadcasted he was in foot pursuit **[Page 9 of Deputy Mendez's transcribed interview]**. Deputy Mendez did not broadcast any radio traffic of his own, since he immediately heard Aero broadcasting.

Immediately after getting out of his vehicle, Deputy Mendez gave Suspect Brizendine orders to "Stop running." Deputy Mendez continued to give Suspect Brizendine orders to "Stop running," the entire time he ran after Suspect Brizendine. Deputy Mendez knew Suspect Brizendine could hear him give the commands, based on the fact he (Brizendine) continued to turn around to see where he (Mendez) was **[Page 9 of Deputy Mendez's transcribed interview]**. While Suspect Brizendine ran, Deputy Mendez saw Suspect Brizendine grab the front of his pants with one hand and the back of his pants with his other hand, adjusting them. Suspect Brizendine's pants did not appear to be loose or baggy, so Deputy Mendez was not sure if Suspect Brizendine was grabbing for a weapon or making an attempt to discard possible contraband **[Page 10 of Deputy Mendez's transcribed interview]**.

After running approximately fifty yards, Deputy Mendez heard a patrol vehicle slightly behind and to the left of him **[Page 9 of Deputy Mendez's transcribed interview]**. Suspect Brizendine began to tire and Deputy Mendez was able to close the distance between them. When Deputy Mendez was within four to five feet of Suspect Brizendine, Suspect Brizendine turned his upper torso to the left, toward Deputy Mendez. In the same movement, Suspect Brizendine swung his left fist toward Deputy Mendez' face **[Page 10 of Deputy Mendez's transcribed interview]**. Suspect Brizendine's actions caused Deputy Mendez to lean back in order to avoid being struck. Due to the sudden change in momentum and direction, Deputy Mendez started to slip on the loose dirt. Deputy Mendez grabbed hold of the front of Suspect Brizendine's shirt and pulled Suspect Brizendine down on top him, as they went to the ground. Once on the ground, Deputy Mendez immediately pushed Suspect Brizendine off of him **[Page 10 of Deputy Mendez's transcribed interview]**. Deputy Mendez and Suspect Brizendine were now lying on the ground parallel to and facing each other **[Page 11 of Deputy Mendez's transcribed interview]**. Deputy Mendez estimated the distance between him and Suspect Brizendine to be less than one foot **[EXHIBIT A, Page 3 of Deputy Mendez's Supplemental Report]**.

> **IAB Note:** A second Foot Pursuit Evaluation form was filled out by Internal Affairs Bureau investigators **[EXHIBIT F]**.

While on the ground, Suspect Brizendine pushed Deputy Mendez with his hands and possibly kicked him once, in the area of his lower torso. Seeing Suspect Brizendine's actions, Deputy Mendez believed Suspect Brizendine was fighting with him in an attempt to escape from being apprehended **[Page 12 of Deputy Mendez's transcribed interview]**. Deputy Mendez punched Suspect Brizendine twice on the left eye area of his (Brizendine's) face, as hard and as fast as he (Mendez) could **[Page 12 of Deputy Mendez's transcribed interview]**.

Deputy [redacted] was in the sheriff's patrol vehicle which was driving up to Deputy Mendez and Suspect Brizendine's location. Sergeant [redacted], Deputy [redacted], and Deputy [redacted] were also in the same patrol vehicle. As they were approaching Deputy Mendez in their patrol vehicle, Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Brizendine stop just as Deputy Mendez was about to grab Suspect Brizendine. Simultaneously, Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Brizendine spin to his left, toward Deputy Mendez, with his (Brizendine's) left elbow held up to approximately chest or face level, in a swinging motion toward Deputy Mendez. Deputy [redacted] was unsure if Suspect Brizendine's swing actually connected with Deputy Mendez **[Page 15 of Deputy [redacted]'s transcribed interview]**. Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy Mendez and Suspect Brizendine fall to the ground. Within approximately one to five seconds, Deputy [redacted] arrived to assist Deputy Mendez **[Page 15 of Deputy [redacted]'s transcribed interview]**.

When Deputy [redacted] arrived at Deputy Mendez's location, Suspect Brizendine was lying on his stomach, with his head facing to the north. Deputy [redacted] kneeled down on Suspect Brizendine's lower back with his right knee and used his body weight to hold Suspect Brizendine to the ground. Deputy [redacted] was positioned on the left side of Suspect Brizendine and Deputy Mendez was positioned on Suspect Brizendine's right side **[EXHIBIT A, Page 2 of Deputy [redacted]'s Supplemental Report]**. Deputy [redacted] grabbed Suspect Brizendine's left arm using both his hands. While grabbing Suspect Brizendine's arm, Deputy [redacted] ordered Suspect Brizendine to, "Stop resisting" and to relax his arms. Deputy [redacted] felt Suspect Brizendine's muscles tighten, as Suspect Brizendine attempted to pull his arm away from his grasp **[EXHIBIT A, Page 3 of Deputy [redacted]s Supplemental Report]**. Based on Suspect Brizendine's actions, Deputy Mendez punched Suspect Brizendine with his right fist on the top of Suspect Brizendine's head **[Page 13 of Deputy [redacted]'s transcribed interview]**. Using his right hand, Deputy [redacted] punched Suspect Brizendine one time on the right side of Suspect Brizendine's face **[EXHIBIT A, Page 3 of Deputy [redacted]'s Supplemental Report]**.

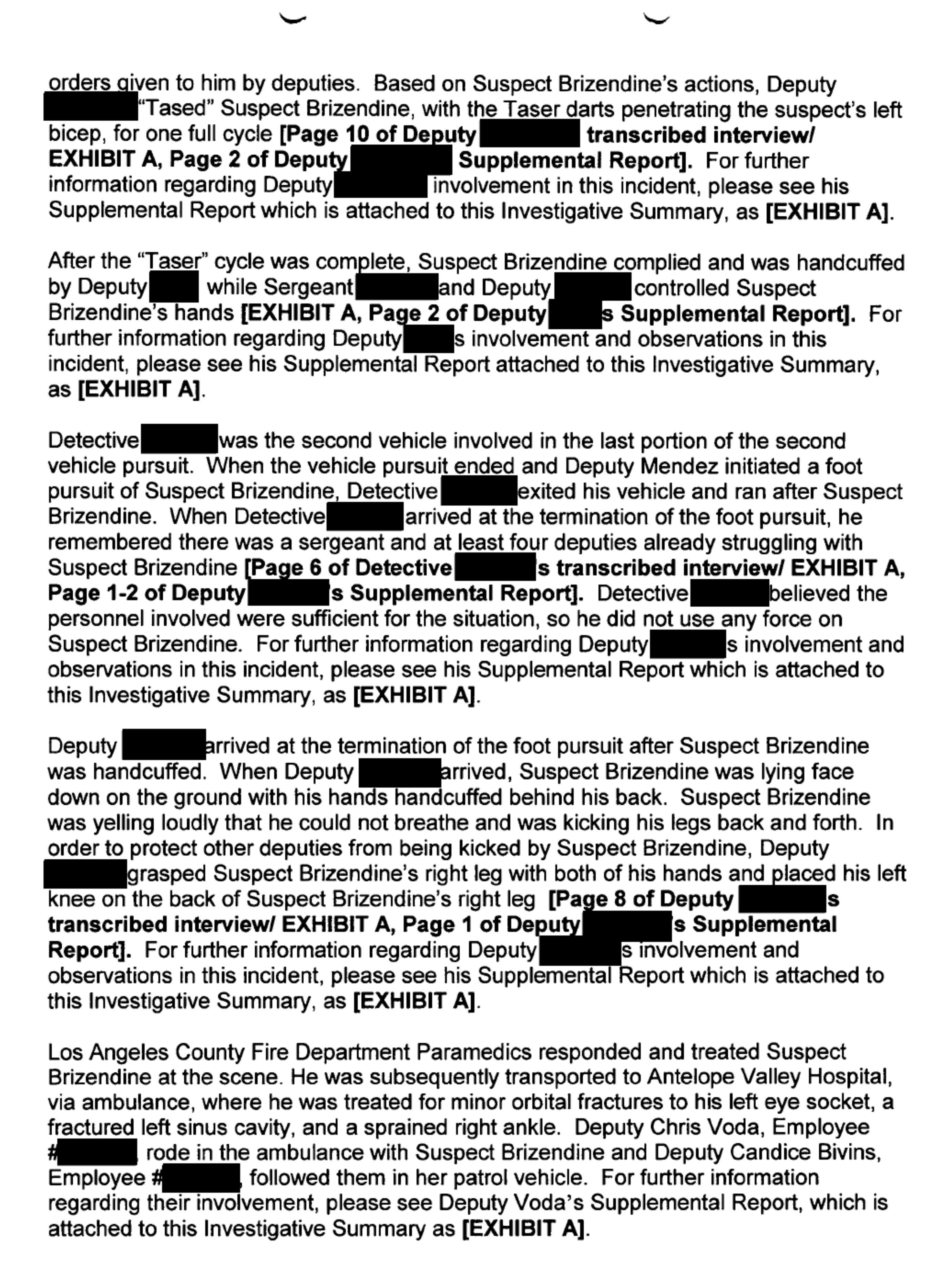
Sergeant [redacted] also exited the patrol vehicle and ran to assist Deputy Mendez. When Sergeant [redacted] arrived to Deputy Mendez's location, Suspect Brizendine was lying face down with his arms out to his sides, with his fists clinched. Sergeant [redacted] described Suspect Brizendine as being tense and twisting his body from side to side, struggling to get free **[Page 13 of Sergeant [redacted]'s transcribed interview/ EXHIBIT A, Page 3 of Sergeant [redacted]'s Supplemental Report]**. Sergeant [redacted] took a position on the right side of Suspect Brizendine and immediately began giving Suspect Brizendine verbal commands to stop fighting and to put his hands behind his back.

Sergeant [redacted] grabbed Suspect Brizendine's right arm and tried to push it behind Suspect Brizendine's back. Suspect Brizendine resisted Sergeant [redacted]s efforts and pulled his arm back to his side, near his waist area **[Page 13 of Sergeant [redacted]'s transcribed interview/ EXHIBIT A, Page 3 of Sergeant [redacted]s Supplemental Report]**. While struggling to gain control of Suspect Brizendine's arms, Sergeant [redacted] saw Suspect Brizendine dragging his face in the dirt from side to side and heard him yelling unintelligible things **[Page 13 of Sergeant [redacted]s transcribed interview]**.

Deputy [redacted] also exited the patrol vehicle and ran to assist Deputy Mendez. When Deputy [redacted] arrived to the location, Suspect Brizendine was lying on his stomach with his head facing north. Deputy [redacted] knelt down next to Suspect Brizendine's left shoulder area and ordered Suspect Brizendine to, "Stop fighting." Deputy [redacted] then placed both his hands on Suspect Brizendine's left shoulder and pushed downward with all his ([redacted]) weight **[Page 15 of Deputy [redacted]' transcribed interview/ EXHIBIT A, Page 8 of Deputy [redacted]' First Report]**. While Deputy [redacted] struggled to hold Suspect Brizendine's left shoulder to the ground, Suspect Brizendine continued to twist and turn and not allow the other deputies to gain control of his (Brizendine's) arms. Due to the fact Suspect Brizendine had not been searched for weapons, along with the fact Deputy [redacted]' firearm was within Suspect Brizendine's reach, Deputy [redacted] struck Suspect Brizendine twice on the left shoulder with his right knee. Deputy [redacted] then placed his right knee across the top of Suspect Brizendine's upper back near his left shoulder blade **[Page 15 of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview/ EXHIBIT A, Page 8 of Deputy [redacted]' First Report]**. Suspect Brizendine continued to struggle and refused to allow deputy personnel to gain control of his hands. It was during this struggle, Deputy [redacted] heard somebody yell, "Taser!" **[Page 15, 16 of Deputy [redacted]' transcribed interview]**.

Detective [redacted], paralleled Deputy Mendez's foot pursuit of Suspect Brizendine in his unmarked vehicle. Detective [redacted] arrived at the location of the termination of the foot pursuit within seconds, after other deputies had arrived and were attempting to secure Suspect Brizendine's arms and upper torso. Detective [redacted] grabbed Suspect Brizendine's legs, crossing his left leg over his right leg, and attempted to pin Suspect Brizendine's legs using his [redacted]'s) body weight. During this time, Suspect Brizendine kicked at Detective [redacted] several times. After a struggle for control, Detective [redacted] was finally able to keep Suspect Brizendine's legs together and was able to prevent Suspect Brizendine from kicking anymore. Suspect Brizendine continued to fight for control of his (Brizendine's) hands. It was at this time, Detective [redacted] remembered Deputy [redacted] arrived and deployed his "Taser" **[Page 7 of Deputy [redacted]'s transcribed interview/ EXHIBIT A, Page 2 of Deputy [redacted]s Supplemental Report]**.

Deputy [redacted] arrived at the termination of the foot pursuit and exited his patrol vehicle to assist Deputy Mendez. When Deputy [redacted] arrived at the location, Suspect Brizendine was lying on his stomach. Deputy [redacted] remembered deputies were trying to get Suspect Brizendine's hands behind his back, but Suspect Brizendine continued to turn and thrash around. Suspect Brizendine refused to listen to any of the



orders given to him by deputies. Based on Suspect Brizendine's actions, Deputy [redacted] "Tased" Suspect Brizendine, with the Taser darts penetrating the suspect's left bicep, for one full cycle **[Page 10 of Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview/ EXHIBIT A, Page 2 of Deputy [redacted] Supplemental Report].** For further information regarding Deputy [redacted] involvement in this incident, please see his Supplemental Report which is attached to this Investigative Summary, as **[EXHIBIT A]**.

After the "Taser" cycle was complete, Suspect Brizendine complied and was handcuffed by Deputy [redacted] while Sergeant [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] controlled Suspect Brizendine's hands **[EXHIBIT A, Page 2 of Deputy [redacted]s Supplemental Report].** For further information regarding Deputy [redacted]s involvement and observations in this incident, please see his Supplemental Report attached to this Investigative Summary, as **[EXHIBIT A]**.

Detective [redacted] was the second vehicle involved in the last portion of the second vehicle pursuit. When the vehicle pursuit ended and Deputy Mendez initiated a foot pursuit of Suspect Brizendine, Detective [redacted] exited his vehicle and ran after Suspect Brizendine. When Detective [redacted] arrived at the termination of the foot pursuit, he remembered there was a sergeant and at least four deputies already struggling with Suspect Brizendine **[Page 6 of Detective [redacted]s transcribed interview/ EXHIBIT A, Page 1-2 of Deputy [redacted]s Supplemental Report].** Detective [redacted] believed the personnel involved were sufficient for the situation, so he did not use any force on Suspect Brizendine. For further information regarding Deputy [redacted]s involvement and observations in this incident, please see his Supplemental Report which is attached to this Investigative Summary, as **[EXHIBIT A]**.

Deputy [redacted] arrived at the termination of the foot pursuit after Suspect Brizendine was handcuffed. When Deputy [redacted] arrived, Suspect Brizendine was lying face down on the ground with his hands handcuffed behind his back. Suspect Brizendine was yelling loudly that he could not breathe and was kicking his legs back and forth. In order to protect other deputies from being kicked by Suspect Brizendine, Deputy [redacted] grasped Suspect Brizendine's right leg with both of his hands and placed his left knee on the back of Suspect Brizendine's right leg **[Page 8 of Deputy [redacted]s transcribed interview/ EXHIBIT A, Page 1 of Deputy [redacted]s Supplemental Report].** For further information regarding Deputy [redacted]s involvement and observations in this incident, please see his Supplemental Report which is attached to this Investigative Summary, as **[EXHIBIT A]**.

Los Angeles County Fire Department Paramedics responded and treated Suspect Brizendine at the scene. He was subsequently transported to Antelope Valley Hospital, via ambulance, where he was treated for minor orbital fractures to his left eye socket, a fractured left sinus cavity, and a sprained right ankle. Deputy Chris Voda, Employee #[redacted] rode in the ambulance with Suspect Brizendine and Deputy Candice Bivins, Employee #[redacted], followed them in her patrol vehicle. For further information regarding their involvement, please see Deputy Voda's Supplemental Report, which is attached to this Investigative Summary as **[EXHIBIT A]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Paul Mendez, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
North Patrol Division
Lancaster Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	July 23, 2007
Date Assigned to Unit:	December 18, 2011
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):	2
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

Beretta 92F
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Three Magazines
Handcuffs
Handheld radio

[redacted], Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
North Patrol Division
Lancaster Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	April 17, 2006
Date Assigned to Unit:	August 3, 2008
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):	
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	

Equipment Worn On Person

Smith and Wesson M&P
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Three Magazines
Handcuffs
Expandable baton
Tourniquet

Handheld radio

[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
North Patrol Division
Lancaster Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	May 15, 2006
Date Assigned to Unit:	May 20, 2007
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):	
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	

Equipment Worn On Person

Beretta 92F
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Two Magazines
Expandable baton
Handcuffs
Handheld radio

[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
North Patrol Division
Lancaster Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	March 22, 2007
Date Assigned to Unit:	June 1, 2014
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):	
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	

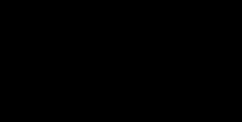
Equipment Worn On Person

Smith and Wesson M&P
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Two Magazines
Handcuffs
Taser
Tourniquet
Handheld radio
Flashlight

[redacted] Sergeant, #[redacted]
North Patrol Division
Lancaster Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	December 29, 2000
Date Assigned to Unit:	June 1, 2014
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):	
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	



Equipment Worn On Person

Beretta 92F
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Two Magazines
Handcuffs
Expandable baton
Handheld radio

[redacted] Sergeant, #[redacted]
North Patrol Division
Lancaster Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	August 26, 1999
Date Assigned to Unit:	October 16, 2016
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):	3
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

Firearm
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Two Magazines
Handcuffs
Handheld radio
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[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
North Patrol Division
Lancaster Station

Work History

Date of Employment: October 29, 2007
Date Assigned to Unit: October 21, 2012
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Equipment Worn On Person

Smith and Wesson M&P
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Two Magazines
Handcuffs
Handheld radio

[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
North Patrol Division
Lancaster Station

Work History

Date of Employment: September 20, 2012
Date Assigned to Unit: January 21, 2015
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Equipment Worn On Person

Beretta 92F
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Two Magazines
Handcuffs
Expandable baton
Handheld radio

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Michael Brizendine
Male, White, DOB: April 26, 1988, 6'00", 220
[redacted]
CII #[redacted] MAIN #[redacted] FBI #[redacted]

The Consolidated Criminal History System [redacted]

[redacted]

IAB Note: A copy of Suspect Brizendine's criminal history is included in this casebook **as [EXHIBIT G].**

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Dr. Daniel Khodabakhsh, the treating physician, described Suspect Brizendine's injury as an orbital wall fracture to the left side of his face. Dr. Khodabakhsh also treated Suspect Brizendine for a sprained right ankle. **[Page 1 of Dr. Khodabakhsh's transcribed interview]**.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

There were no injuries to the involved deputies or supervisors.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

No physical evidence related to the force was collected by Internal Affairs Bureau investigators or Lancaster Station deputies.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

Due to the fact Internal Affairs Bureau investigators were called out to this incident several hours after the occurrence, investigators were unable to make it out to the location of the termination of the second foot pursuit, where the force occurred, on the night of the incident.

IAB Note: Photographs of the scene were taken by Lancaster Station Sergeant Owen. Printed photographs of the scene are included in this case book, as **[MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS].**

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators canvassed the area for video cameras which could have captured the incident. They located a camera on the north facing eve of [redacted]. During an interview of the resident, this investigator was told the camera does not record and is there solely for the purpose of being able to see what is going on outside their house.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL

Deputy Mendez performed a takedown of Suspect Brizendine. Deputy Mendez punched Suspect Brizendine twice on the left side of his face and once on the head. Deputy [redacted] punched Suspect Brizendine once on the right side of his face. Deputy [redacted] kneed Suspect Brizendine twice on his left shoulder. Deputy [redacted] "Tased" Suspect Brizendine. There were no other weapons used.

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT BRIZENDINE

Suspect Brizendine used the stolen vehicle he was driving as a weapon during the incident. He also used personal weapons to resist deputy personnel's efforts to handcuff him.

PROPERTY DAMAGE BY SUSPECT BRIZENDINE

There was no property damaged during this incident.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR AND CHARGES FILED

Investigator: Lancaster Station Detective – Daniel Mahoney

Court: Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley Court

Charges: 2800.2 CVC (2 counts), 245(C) PC (4 counts), 69 PC (3 counts)

IAB Note: On March 10, 2016, the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office filed the following charges against Suspect Brizendine: Two counts of 2800.2 CVC, four counts of 245(c) PC, three counts of 69 PC, and one count 10851(a) CVC. On April 12, 2016, Suspect Brizendine was sentenced to six years and two months state prison. **[MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS].**

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred in front of [redacted], during the late afternoon hours (1652 hrs.). There was ambient lighting from the sun at the incident location. The weather was cool and clear.

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed all reports authored by the involved deputies.

WITNESS STATEMENTS


On March 10, 2016, [redacted], **FW** [redacted], was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant [redacted]. The interview was conducted at Mrs. [redacted]'s residence [redacted]), and was digitally audio recorded. Following is a summary of her interview.

Witness [redacted] was at home with her three boys on the evening of this incident. Witness [redacted] remembered her boys running out to the backyard to see a helicopter they heard. Shortly after going outside, her oldest son ran back inside and told her there was a line of police cars coming toward their house. Witness [redacted] brought her boys inside and locked their doors. She looked out one of their bedroom windows and saw police officers out of their vehicles arresting someone. Witness [redacted] never saw Suspect Brizendine. When asked if she knew anybody with Suspect Brizendine's name, Witness [redacted] said, "No" **[Page 1-2 of Witness [redacted]'s transcribed interview].**

INVOLVED EMPLOYEES

On January 23, 2017, **Deputy Paul Mendez, #[redacted]**, was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant [redacted]. The interview was conducted at Lancaster Station, and was digitally audio recorded. Deputy Mendez chose to not obtain representation. For complete statements made, more information, and precise wording, please see attached verbatim interview transcription.

On January 20, 2017, **Deputy [redacted], #[redacted]**, was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant [redacted] and Sergeant Jonathan Hoyt. The interview was conducted at Lancaster Station, and was digitally audio recorded. Deputy [redacted] chose to not obtain representation. For complete statements made, more information, and precise wording, please see attached verbatim interview transcription.

On January 31, 2017, **Deputy [redacted], #[redacted]** was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant [redacted] and Sergeant Jonathan Hoyt. The interview was conducted at Lancaster Station, and was digitally audio recorded. Deputy [redacted] chose to not obtain representation. For complete statements made, more information, and precise wording, please see attached verbatim interview transcription.

On January 23, 2017, **Deputy [redacted], #[redacted]**, was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant [redacted]. The interview was conducted at Lancaster Station, and was digitally audio recorded. Deputy [redacted] chose to not obtain representation. For complete statements made, more information, and precise wording, please see attached verbatim interview transcription.

On January 20, 2017, **Sergeant [redacted], #[redacted]**, was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant [redacted] and Sergeant Jonathan Hoyt. The interview was conducted at Lancaster Station, and was digitally audio recorded. Sergeant [redacted] chose to not obtain representation. For complete statements made, more information, and precise wording, please see attached verbatim interview transcription.

On January 23, 2017, **Sergeant [redacted], #[redacted]**, was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant [redacted]. The interview was conducted at Lancaster Station, and was digitally audio recorded. Sergeant [redacted] chose to not obtain

representation. For complete statements made, more information, and precise wording, please see attached verbatim interview transcription.

On January 20, 2017, **Deputy [redacted] #[redacted]** was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant [redacted] and Sergeant Jonathan Hoyt. The interview was conducted at Lancaster Station, and was digitally audio recorded. Deputy [redacted] chose to not obtain representation. For complete statements made, more information, and precise wording, please see attached verbatim interview transcription.

On January 31, 2017, **Deputy [redacted] #[redacted]** was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant [redacted] and Sergeant Jonathan Hoyt. The interview was conducted at Lancaster Station, and was digitally audio recorded. Deputy [redacted] chose to not obtain representation. For complete statements made, more information, and precise wording, please see attached verbatim interview transcription.

SUSPECT'S STATEMENTS

On March 9, 2016, **Suspect Michael Brizendine,** was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] Also present during the interview, was Lieutenant Roberta Granek. The interview was conducted in a holding cell at the Lancaster Station Jail and was digitally audio recorded. Following is a summary of his interview:

Suspect Brizendine was driving northbound on Sierra Highway approaching Lancaster Boulevard, when deputies turned on the overhead lights of their patrol vehicle and initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle he was driving. Suspect Brizendine was in the vehicle with his [redacted] "[redacted]." Suspect Brizendine turned westbound on Lancaster Boulevard, pulled over to the side of the road and put his vehicle in "park" **[Page 1-2 of Suspect Brizendine's transcribed interview]**. Deputies exited their patrol vehicle and approached his vehicle. As the deputies approached his vehicle, Suspect Brizendine put his car in "drive," stepped on the gas and took off at a high rate of speed. Suspect Brizendine fled because he knew he had "No-Bail" warrants and wanted to see his daughter. During this time, Suspect Brizendine did not know where he was going to go **[Page 2 of Suspect Brizendine's transcribed interview]**.

Shortly after leaving, Suspect Brizendine drove into a car dealership just south of Lancaster Boulevard. Suspect Brizendine parked his vehicle in the car lot and told his [redacted] to get out of the vehicle and walk home. His [redacted] exited the vehicle and walked away. He exited the vehicle and tried to find somewhere to hide. He and his [redacted] met back up and they walked away together **[Page 3 of Suspect Brizendine's transcribed interview]**.

While Suspect Brizendine was walking with his [redacted], a deputy saw them and told them to approach his patrol vehicle and put their hands on the hood. Suspect Brizendine ran from the deputy. Suspect Brizendine ran around an apartment building and then between two other apartment buildings. Suspect Brizendine jumped a fence

into a "U-Haul" rental center and hid. Suspect Brizendine could see deputy personnel around his location, so he ran back to his vehicle **[Page 4 of Suspect Brizendine's transcribed interview]**.

Suspect Brizendine remembered a deputy chased him on his way back to his vehicle. When Suspect Brizendine arrived at his vehicle, he entered it, started it, put it in reverse and hit the gas. While he was in his vehicle, Suspect Brizendine remembered there was a deputy at the passenger side window telling him to get out of the car. Suspect Brizendine did not remember anybody being behind him as he was reversing his vehicle out of the car lot **[Page 4-5 of Suspect Brizendine's transcribed interview]**.

When Suspect Brizendine reversed out of the car lot, he remembered hitting a curb which caused the front right tire of his vehicle to blow out. Suspect Brizendine then led deputies in a pursuit. When Suspect Brizendine was around 80th Street West and Avenue D, he drove down a dirt road. While driving down the dirt road, Suspect Brizendine hit a ravine and his vehicle stopped moving. Suspect Brizendine exited his vehicle and started to run again. Suspect Brizendine remembered a deputy also exited out of their vehicle and chased after him **[Page 6 of Suspect Brizendine's transcribed interview]**.

While he was running, Suspect Brizendine's became winded and his right foot landed in a gopher hole. It was at this time the deputy who was chasing him, tackled him to the ground. When Suspect Brizendine fell to the ground, his left eye hit a rock **[Page 7 of Suspect Brizendine's transcribed interview]**. As soon as he went to the ground, Suspect Brizendine remembered there were other deputies there to assist. The deputies restrained him and attempted to put his hands behind his back. During this time, deputies also gave him commands to put his hands behind his back **[Page 7-8 of Suspect Brizendine's transcribed interview]**. While on the ground, Suspect Brizendine was also "Tased."

Suspect Brizendine was handcuffed and then placed inside the back seat of a patrol vehicle. He was transferred to an ambulance and transported to the Antelope Valley Hospital. Before Suspect Brizendine was transported to the hospital, he was seen by the fire department **[Page 9 of Suspect Brizendine's transcribed interview]**.

<u>REVIEW OF EMERGENT RADIO TRAFFIC</u>

Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant [redacted] reviewed the audio recording of the emergent radio traffic communicated by Lancaster Station personnel. The radio traffic was initiated by Deputy [redacted] after Suspect Brizendine had recklessly sped away from their attempted traffic stop of a reckless, driving under the influence vehicle. Deputy [redacted] immediately advised the Sheriff's Communication Center, along with other responding deputies of their location, direction of travel, speed, and road conditions. Deputy [redacted] terminated their pursuit of Suspect Brizendine's vehicle when they lost sight of the vehicle.

Emergent radio traffic was initiated a second time by Sergeant Bergo, when he saw Suspect Brizendine run from him. Sergeant Bergo initiated a foot pursuit of Suspect Brizendine. Suspect Brizendine re-entered his vehicle and fled the location. A second vehicle pursuit was initiated. Deputy personnel continued to update the Sheriff's Communication Center, along with other responding deputies of their location, direction of travel, speed, and road conditions.

Approximately nine minutes into the pursuit, Aero Bureau's "Air 29" was overhead and continued to call the pursuit, as well as the second foot pursuit which followed.

IAB Note: A Compact Disc containing the audio recording of the emergent radio traffic and Cold-line communication is included in this case book **[EXHIBIT B]**.